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ANNUAL FUR CATCH OF THE UNITED STATES

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Larger takes and greater returns from fur for the 1945-46 season have been reported by most of the leading fur-producing States. The raw fur catch for the season was estimated to be worth \$100,000,000. The Bureau of Internal Revenue collected \$88,775,140 in taxes on sales of furs and fur-trimmed apparel sold at retail during the calendar year 1945. This sum, representing a 20% tax, indicates that the retail sales of fur apparel during the year 1945 amounted to \$443,875,700 and is \$17,500,000 more than last year.

More trappers and hunters will take to the field this coming season because traps and ammunition are more plentiful than at any time since the beginning of World War II. This will cause a heavier drain on the fur animal resources, and perhaps even greater quantities of fur animals will be taken. Regulations governing the trapping of fur animals are made by the individual States, not by the Federal Government. The animals should be taken when the fur is prime, and the pelts should be handled with care so that the trapper will receive the highest market price for them. State game and conservation commissions should be on the alert to see that the fur laws in their respective States are adequate to sustain a continuing supply of furs. This is only possible through the enactment and enforcement of proper State laws.

Some information on the number of fur animals taken annually has been supplied by Alaska and 40 States, and this is given in the tabulations that follow. These tables should not be considered as full reports on all the fur animals taken within the various States. Even though many States require trappers to furnish annual reports on furs taken, there are few instances where a 100 percent return is possible. In many cases, several species of animals are grouped together; for example, red and gray foxes are listed as foxes; coyotes and wolves are listed as coyotes, etc. Some States only require reports on one or two species of fur animals; in others, persons trapping on their own land and boys under a certain age are not required to obtain licenses and therefore do not make reports.

Growing popular interest in the conservation of wildlife may well result in the restoration of fur animals to a point approaching their former productivity. It is important that the public know how much of the natural wealth in furs is harvested each year, for it is only through the assembling of such data that the annual fur take can be so regulated as to insure the preservation of an adequate breeding stock.

The Fish and Wildlife Service thanks the State game and conservation commissions for their assistance in supplying data included in this report.

ALABAMA

Alabama does not require reports from trappers on the number and kinds of fur animals taken or from fur dealers on the number and kinds of furs handled, and therefore, could not furnish information on the fur catch. Trappers are required to purchase and attach metal tags to all furs before putting them on the market. Opossum, skunk, muskrat, and weasel required 2¢ tags, raccoon and mink required 15¢ tags, and fox and otter required \$1.00 tags. During the 1945-46 season, 3,277 fur catcher's licenses were sold for \$2.50 each; 43,344 tags at 2¢ each; 43,272 tags at 15¢ each; and 740 tags at \$1.00 each.

ALASKA

(Not including the Pribilof Islands)

Species	1939 ^{1/}	1940 ^{1/}	1941 ^{1/}	1942 ^{1/}	1943 ^{1/}	1944 ^{1/}	1945 ^{1/}
Bear:							
Black & glacier	158	158	70	81	133	160	92
Polar	37	62	33	42	100	71	82
Beaver	31,397	14,630	20,606	12,071	15,146	8,516	9,553
Coyote	1,507	2,080	1,208	460	376	797	474
Fox ^{2/} :							
Red	21,366	9,031	12,574	12,537	4,916	6,916	7,605
Cross	2,278	1,501	1,484	1,468	1,240	1,831	1,614
Silver	614	632	466	428	262	406	644
White	4,187	4,622	6,515	2,154	4,800	4,552	3,652
Blue	9,426	7,598	6,483	4,693	1,783	1,101	1,190
Hare	89	270	60	110	195	700	337
Lynx	2,705	1,698	781	639	713	990	922
Marmot	121	1,196	154	40	201	20	..
Marten	1,287	9,626	707	240	8,182	13,352	453
Mink	42,883	43,702	31,782	53,060	33,705	61,038	31,339
Muskrat	417,442	453,300	511,805	267,356	212,352	142,530	152,542
Otter	2,759	2,804	2,188	2,821	1,547	2,772	1,721
Squirrel	979	720	1,760	980	1,122	1,850	4,582
Weasel	13,828	9,895	8,580	11,280	3,892	5,508	5,967
Wolf	405	444	599	464	351	418	290
Wolverine	228	326	232	161	92	87	108
Total	553,696	564,295	608,087	371,085	291,108	253,615	223,173

^{1/} Calendar year.

^{2/} Six black foxes shipped 1945, included in total.

Pribilof Islands

Species	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
Fox:							
White	12	11	5	..	..	11	13
Blue	1,246	640	829	..	..	616	1,283
Seal ^{1/}	65,263	95,013	150	117,164	47,652	76,964	..
Total	66,521	95,664	984	117,164	47,652	77,591	1,296

^{1/} Calendar year.

ARIZONA

Species	1939 ^{1/}	1940 ^{1/}	1943 ^{1/}	1944 ^{1/}
Badger	21	35	9	80
Beaver . . . . .	..	..	..	368
Bobcat	114	149	32	178
Coyote	314	500	145	326
Fox:				
Gray . . . . .	..	..	210	247
Kit or swift . . . . .	..	..	16	17
All species	464	600	..	..
Muskrat	216	315	1,053	189
Raccoon	47	40	44	19
Ringtail cat	215	196	24	14
Skunk:				
Common large	107	137	54	184
Spotted	79	12	..	7
Wolf	2	11	160	12
Miscellaneous . . . . .	..	27	98	132
Total	1,579	2,022	1,885	1,773

^{1/} Calendar year.

The trapper's license was abolished in Arizona for several years. At present, however, separate hunting and trapping licenses are issued, and reports of the annual catch are required. The above figures represent the catch reported, but according to the State they should be multiplied by ten to give the approximate total catch. The above total does not include animals caught by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

ARKANSAS

Species	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
Bobcat	452	43	573	299	194	92
Fox:						
Gray	1,091	2,089	15,270	15,585	11,811	4,282
Red	45	96	274	1,112	777	563
Mink	16,170	22,509	24,429	18,417	14,489	13,976
Muskrat	2,485	2,588	3,072	3,998	3,552	2,683
Opossum	341,830	313,224	430,980	341,571	169,808	122,593
Raccoon	47,439	55,236	68,429	51,398	48,011	42,205
Skunk:						
Common large	52,912	51,371	54,708	38,596	19,983	11,281
Spotted	1,582	1,605	1,444	1,830	1,062	801
Weasel	226	302	432	515	259	220
Wolf	12	17	34	11	17	14
Miscellaneous	39	715	65	8	..	2
Total	464,283	449,775	597,708	473,340	269,943	198,712

The State law requires fur buyers to report at the end of each season the number and kind of furs purchased and the prices paid for them.

CALIFORNIA

Species	1940-41	1941-42	1942-43	1943-44	1944-45
Badger	156	224	106	135	84
Cat:					
House	451	244	148	167	145
Ringtail	1,491	1,458	683	693	719
Coyote	3,285	4,359	2,766	4,186	3,590
Fisher	5	5	4	1	1
Fox:					
Gray	5,047 ^{1/}	5,531 ^{1/}	2,499 ^{1/}	3,555 ^{1/}	3,117
Red or cross	12	17	4	8	6
Swift	217	503	20	78	59
Marten	402	543	136	165	198
Mink	1,710	1,617	778	2,105	2,325
Muskrat	68,318	69,247	65,524	57,331	56,425
Opóssum	1,485	1,504	598	794	433
Otter (river)	26	41	33	58	55
Raccoon	7,265	8,880	4,473	7,106	6,567
Skunk:					
Spotted	1,368	1,195	459	637	524
Striped	14,535	14,096	6,365	10,457	7,176
Weasel	171	245	74	48	65
Wildcat	2,776	3,239	1,923	2,898	2,063
Total	108,720	112,948	86,593	90,421	83,552

^{1/} Includes red, cross, and silver foxes.

COLORADO

Species	1940-41	1941-42	1942-43	1943-44	1944-45
Badger	1,017	1,581	568	918	394
Bobcat	1,275	1,787	983	1,146	1,019
Civet cat	790	909	340	661	393
Coyote	10,375	15,269	9,229	10,368	6,968
Fox	413	1,486	267	356	324
Marten . . . . .	..	379	..	..	125
Mink	1,164	1,003	1,217	1,010	614
Muskrat	90,529	158,856	128,420	175,355	114,860
Raccoon . . . . .	..	180	..	..	83
Ringtail cat . . . . .	..	223	7	7	19
Skunk	14,262	16,845	7,523	13,897	6,179
Weasel	1,804	2,200	2,028	1,485	623
Total	121,629	200,718	150,582	205,203	131,601

CONNECTICUT

Species	1937 ^{1/}	1938 ^{1/}	1940 ^{1/}	1941 ^{1/}	1943 ^{1/}
Bobcat	63	12	18	38	26
Fox, all species . . .	3,783	3,390	4,053	3,647	4,121
Mink	634	341	704	625	664
Muskrat	11,507	13,820	24,452	24,383	13,747
Otter . . . . .	..	10	35	67	26
Raccoon	2,753	2,134	2,693	2,118	2,458
Skunk, common large .	5,082	3,369	5,034	6,006	3,240
Squirrel, gray . . . .	..	35,026	36,824	29,325	25,671
Weasel	497	463	632	625	386
Total	24,319	58,565	74,445	66,834	50,339

^{1/} Calendar year.

The State Board of Fisheries and Games advises that the above figures represent only those furs reported which is estimated to be between 40% and 50% of the actual catch.

DELAWARE

Species	1939	1940	1941	1942-43	1943-44	1944-45
Muskrat	180,000	59,643	63,552	68,181	40,178	42,150
Opossum	4,000	1,071	1,177	..	..	..
Otter	25	..	..	..	..	..
Raccoon	3,000	810	1,538	1,936	1,015	965
Total	187,025	61,524	66,267	70,117	41,193	43,115

The above figures are estimated from license returns which have been in effect since 1936.

FLORIDA

Species	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
Opossum	3,036	2,807	2,753	3,048	487	4,310
Otter	502	544	506	816	609	271
Raccoon	69,524	40,796	34,919	46,304	40,984	20,692
Skunk	2,039	1,306	1,240	1,307	1,807	1,042
Total	75,101	45,455	39,418	51,475	43,887	26,315

GEORGIA

Species	1937	1938	1945-46
Bear	1	1	100
Bobcat	16	36	574
Fox:			
Red	137	103	784
Gray	589	427	9,664
Mink	2,381	1,786	6,560
Muskrat	1,130	848	29,748
Opossum	4,792	3,594	40,008
Otter	202	152	(1/)
Raccoon	15,648	11,736	26,243
Ringtail cat	5	2	..
Skunk:			
Common large	984	752	2,701
Spotted	23	17	..
Weasel	56	42	522
Miscellaneous . . . . .	..	4	533
Total	25,944	19,500	117,437

1/ No open season.

Georgia does not require trappers to make an annual report on furs taken. The above information, however, was furnished by the State Department of Natural Resources and the State Game and Fish Commission.

IDAHO

Species	1939	1940	1941	1942	1944
Badger	1,526	..	..	..	1,000
Bear . . . . .	..	..	..	..	120
Beaver ^{1/}	702	4,079	4,838	2,589	7,000
Bobcat	293	..	..	..	1,190 ^{2/}
Canada lynx	401	..	..	..	..
Coyote	14,217	..	..	..	15,850
Fox:					
Gray	43	..)	..	..	..
Red	250	271)	1)	6)	..
Cross	6	..)	..)	..)	..
Marten	1,492	2,118	..	40	..
Mink	2,566	2,832	5	54	3,650
Mountain lion . . . . .	..	..	..	..	35
Muskrat	205,698	134,591	89	225	146,000
Otter	38	42	1	1	..
Raccoon	266	397	..	8	110
Skunk, common large	3,356	..	..	..	1,120
Weasel	4,172	..	..	..	..
Total	235,026	144,330	4,934	2,923	176,075

1/ In 1943, 6,645 beavers were taken.

2/ Includes lynx.

ILLINOIS

Species	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1941	1942
Fox, red & gray	1,944	3,926	10,292	10,760	7,145	6,232	16,636
Mink	12,312	21,593	33,239	48,581	42,254	18,880	19,362
Muskrat	213,840	323,895	413,823	729,077	664,831	307,179	249,100
Opossum	22,680	25,519	97,755	132,585	171,590	61,897	94,774
Raccoon	4,212	6,281	26,734	30,732	34,577	20,245	27,130
Skunk, common lge.	11,016	30,426	47,338	45,263	36,681	21,103	22,580
Total	266,004	411,640	629,181	996,998	957,078	435,536	426,582

INDIANA

Species	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
Badger	82	61	172	222	103
Fox, red & gray	6,788	24,620	34,542	10,140	9,748
Mink	10,825	15,169	24,083	13,714	12,745
Muskrat	195,406	297,789	540,562	292,077	205,289
Opossum	77,907	228,517	249,505	61,005	57,119
Raccoon	22,933	78,026	113,652	29,257	42,400
Skunk, common large	20,777	33,511	37,879	11,822	11,345
Weasel	2,232	5,407	10,447	188	..
Wolf	1	..	..	..	..
Total	336,956	692,100	1,010,347	418,465	419,049

The State law requires only licensed fur buyers to report annually on the furs purchased.

IOWA

Species	1940-1941	1941-42	1942-43	1943-44	1944-45	1945-46
Badger	470	586	257	538	254	314
Beaver . . . . .	..	..	..	235	247	623
Fox:						
Red	6,505	6,137	6,580	8,695	9,559	11,554
Gray	1,730	1,967	1,823	2,516	2,226	2,350
Mink	38,817	33,650	23,297	52,760	46,825	42,145
Muskrat	350,700	262,007	262,562	722,360	452,275	418,417
Opossum	30,131	33,639	29,691	35,579	27,293	22,501
Raccoon	19,756	22,512	20,128	38,303	36,558	41,084
Skunk:						
Common large	74,251	68,840	32,437	53,199	35,489	30,755
Spotted	63,256	60,944	38,508	60,238	41,005	44,827
Weasel	6,290	4,440	2,982	3,966	2,830	3,607
Wolf	259	202	209	928	381	383
Total	592,165	495,124	418,454	979,315	655,042	624,565

The State law requires fur buyers to report the total number of furs purchased. Individual trappers need not report their annual catch except where furs are sold outside the State.

KANSAS

Species	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
Badger	2,911	1,050	538	1,152	938	653
Beaver . . . . .	..	368	292	350	246	218
Bobcat	150	..	..	..	..	..
Coyote	14,022	18,392	16,758	22,953	23,987	26,853
Fox (all species)	1,985	1,387	1,574	1,792	1,252	971
Mink	2,271	1,529	1,239	1,618	1,381	852
Muskrat	119,918	121,671	118,758	121,256	116,297	119,387
Opossum	155,945	148,322	133,652	147,852	118,314	98,645
Raccoon	8,374	9,744	11,215	16,774	15,886	16,899
Skunk:						
Common large	151,800	153,216	149,888	151,758	(175,515	(171,807
Spotted	47,219	48,874	45,322	48,337	((
Weasel	170	..	..	..	..	..
Wolf	1,047	983	1,153	1,558	..	..
Miscellaneous	348,065	..	..	..	..	..
Total	853,857	505,536	478,389	515,400	453,596	436,285

Kansas does not require trappers to make annual report of furs taken. The figures were obtained from reports made by fur dealers.

KENTUCKY

Kentucky has no available information on the number of fur animals taken annually, as the State law does not require trappers to make an annual report.

LOUISIANA

Species	1941	1942-43	1943-44	1944-45	1945-48
Fox	3,311	3,727	..	5,124	3,823
Mink	112,425	128,311	144,717	132,821	131,593
Muskrat	5,405,425	3,946,972	4,440,638	5,577,218	3,337,411
Nutria . . . . .	..	..	..	..	8,764
Opossum	122,203	78,738	91,724	66,000	90,433
Otter	1,713	1,399	2,404	1,912	2,367
Raccoon	163,895	164,199	208,921	176,911	244,502
Skunk:					
Common large	13,797	17,349	28,052	11,155	12,224
Spotted	49	231	..	628	..
Miscellaneous	824	48	11,027	988	1,467
Total	5,823,643	4,470,498	4,927,483	5,972,755	8,869,609

The State law requires trappers to submit three monthly reports during the trapping season on the number of fur animals taken and to pay a severance tax on each pelt, and fur dealers to report the number of furs purchased.

MAINE

Species	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
Bear . . . . .	..	..	180	58	19	912
Beaver	3,647	6,927	3,049	2,583	5,683	2,192
Bobcat	607	414	177	133	105	184
Fox, red	5,614	4,869	7,841	4,502	6,144	6,491
Mink	3,171	3,990	3,952	1,726	1,600	2,580
Muskrat	39,133	42,634	27,389	17,552	13,532	20,079
Otter	153	149	169	129	89	120
Raccoon	1,288	1,186	1,971	715	1,579	1,387
Skunk, common lge.	4,499	3,775	4,629	2,571	1,968	2,694
Weasel	2,564	2,408	1,919	691	958	978
Total	60,676	66,352	51,276	30,661	31,544	37,617

The State law requires trappers to report the annual catch and fur buyers the numbers of furs purchased.

MARYLAND

Maryland does not require either trappers or fur dealers to make annual reports on the number of furs taken or sold. An estimate made by the State Game Warden for the fiscal year 1938 indicates that about 2,000,000 muskrats; 1,500,000 in 1940; 1,500,000 in 1941; 800,000 in 1943; 800,000 in 1944; and 100,000 in 1945. The total fur catch for 1945 was approximately 900,000.

MASSACHUSETTS

Species	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
Bobcat . . .	307	266	86	108	39	45
Canada lynx	33	28	2	..	..	..
Fox:						
Red . . .	5,599	5,061	5,078	3,505	4,896	4,751
Gray . . .	917	853	951	670	637	790
Mink . . .	1,089	1,404	1,414	562	1,099	1,356
Muskrat . .	52,139	41,874	42,392	22,981	23,114	31,659
Otter . . .	118	128	103	78	80	88
Raccoon . .	2,706	2,064	2,184	1,273	1,547	1,880
Skunk, common						
large . .	11,252	7,901	9,395	4,733	6,034	5,642
Weasel . . .	866	626	476	304	396	464
Total	75,026	60,205	62,081	34,214	37,842	46,675

MICHIGAN

Species	1939-40	1940-41	1941-42	1942-43	1943-44	1944-45
Badger	927	859	681	573	11,840	968
Beaver	7,180	6,824	2,251	6,464	2,703	15,296
Bobcat	598	528	529	375	2,538	2,910
Coyote	1,805	1,427	1,376	1,501	1,905	3,422
Mink	25,619	22,477	37,220	24,662	37,861	53,400
Muskrat . . .	1,065,281	564,644	719,585	343,834	995,443	548,841
Opossum . . .	29,367	10,637	13,940	56,113	51,993	34,903
Otter	270	164	..	154	160	349
Raccoon . . .	45,923	33,077	45,516	35,631	71,859	88,700
Red fox . . .	3,602	2,984	5,212	10,812	22,450	52,017
Skunk	42,669	28,418	39,459	37,421	31,722	25,278
Weasel	35,473	22,184	29,717	11,282	34,343	48,501
Wolf	30	90	54	79	166	61
Total	1,258,744	714,293	895,540	528,901	1,254,983	874,646

The State law requires reports from trappers on their annual catch and from fur dealers on furs purchased.

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CORRECTION for

Wildlife Leaflet 290, ANNUAL FUR CATCH OF THE UNITED STATES

The Maryland fur catch shown on page 10 of the above leaflet should be corrected as follows (correction underlined):

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The last sentence reading "The total fur catch for 1945 was approximately 900,000" should be deleted.

MINNESOTA

Species	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
Badger	(1/)	(1/)	1,211	1,969	2,511
Beaver	7,668	4,259	10,385	1,302	9,477 ^{3/}
Bobcat	604	231	450	1,880	3,085
Canada lynx . . .	138	55	33	20	56
Coyote	940	660	653	2,336	1,961
Fox:					
Gray	2,746	1,619	2,590	6,269	5,467
Red, cross, silver	9,014	5,903	11,178	17,542	17,751
Mink	53,657	34,615	50,375	79,220	95,782
Muskrats	867,608	1,449,760	1,957,217	22,393 ^{2/}	1,211,106
Opossum . . . . .	..	..	59	117	278
Otter . . . . .	..	..	..	..	46
Raccoon	8,088	5,237	8,063	10,396	20,140 ^{4/}
Skunk:					
Common large . .	136,768	60,968	81,674	86,530	82,860
Spotted	8,226	6,566	10,267	18,185	15,107
Squirrel	9,369	9,880	..	3,959	7,667 ^{4/}
Weasel	100,475	87,878	50,303	47,680	85,125
Wolf	164	163	128	349	413
Total	1,205,465	1,667,794	2,184,586	300,147	1,558,832

- 1/ No open season.
- 2/ Trapping allowed by permit only.
- 3/ Includes 1,666 taken under permit.
- 4/ Does not include hunting take.

MISSISSIPPI

Species	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1943-44
Bobcat . . . . .	..	229	75	81	92	1,274
Fox:						
Gray . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	1,120
Red . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	682
Mink	14,792	19,601	9,935	8,046	8,652	38,783
Muskrat	18,101	34,151	7,375	9,123	6,680	52,122
Opossum	54,000	69,670	39,795	32,546	22,008	93,556
Raccoon	15,602	23,000	16,045	12,717	11,284	46,327
Skunk:						
Common large	7,632	10,351	8,700	6,567	3,196	20,624
Spotted	338	707	240	99	124	10,320
Weasel	357	503	195	321	192	1,172
Total	110,822	158,212	82,360	69,500	52,228	265,980

The State law does not require trappers to submit an annual report of their catch. Mississippi does, however, distribute cards to the trappers through the wardens when the licenses are issued. No data was made available by the State between 1939 and 1942.

MISSOURI

Species	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944 ^{1/}	1945
Fox:						
Red	5,997	9,745	10,479	10,191	14,674	13,234
Gray	4,683	4,880	4,691	3,626	11,648	13,329
Mink	18,480	13,262	7,888	6,926	10,436	11,156
Muskrat	96,000	120,000	85,468	109,989	162,846	173,347
Opossum	452,454	463,119	331,386	359,605	319,827	261,359
Raccoon	22,639	11,000	13,517	14,547	27,598	38,108
Skunk:						
Common large	165,176	156,102	97,759	70,760	60,236	45,108
Spotted	45,169	55,440	30,446	22,339	19,120	16,566
Weasel	1,587	1,023	1,308	1,210	1,464	936
Total	818,165	834,571	582,942	602,233	647,849	573,141

^{1/} 1944 is tentative.

Until 5 years ago Missouri did not require either trappers or fur traders to submit annual reports on furs; but the State law now requires reports of fur traders, and the above data was obtained from such reports.

MONTANA

Species	1939	1940	1941	1942	1944	1945
Beaver ^{1/}	6,748	12,752	17,717	11,181	11,355	16,468
Coyote	8,571	7,814	..	..	..	..
Fox, red	2,575	3,858	2,950	1,830	400	956
Marten . . . . .	..	..	2,379	..	..	178
Mink	2,938	8,814	8,544	4,413	7,698	11,413
Muskrat	35,308	195,290	117,839	70,039	75,739	82,057
Otter . . . . .	..	..	..	..	23	43
Raccoon . . . . .	..	..	..	329	679	1,284
Total	56,198	228,528	149,429	87,772	96,394	112,399

^{1/} Beaver, 7,175 in 1943. Figures not available for other fur bearers.

The State law does not require trappers to report on furs taken, except those of beavers. These figures were obtained from shipping permits, which are required when furs are shipped out of the State.

NEBRASKA

Species	1940	1942	1943	1944	1945
Badger . . . . .	..	..	..	2,800	1,516
Beaver	4,000	2,700	..	2,768	3,002
Bobcat . . . . .	..	..	..	100	133
Coyote ^{2/} . . . . .	..	..	..	13,360	13,897
Mink . . . . .	..	..	..	11,820	9,232
Muskrat . . . . .	..	(1/)	113,500	262,100	317,110
Opossum . . . . .	..	..	..	19,180	12,135
Raccoon ^{2/} . . . . .	..	..	..	8,680	8,975
Red fox . . . . .	..	..	..	500	267
Skunk:					
Striped . . . . .	..	..	..	82,080	40,678
Spotted . . . . .	..	..	..	35,260	20,066
Weasel . . . . .	..	..	..	4,200	1,371
Total	4,000	2,700	113,500	445,848	428,382

1/ No open season.

2/ By trapping only. Take by hunters not included in above figures.

Nebraska does not require trappers to report on furs taken except beavers. The 1943-44 information is based on fur report cards returned by 4.9% of active licensed trappers. The 1945 results computed from cards returned by 17% of those buying trapping permits.

NEVADA

Nevada has no available information on the number of fur animals taken annually but hopes to report such next year.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Species	1939	1940	1941 ^{1/}	1942 ^{1/}	1943 ^{1/}	1944
Bear . . . . .	..	2	4	78	49	3
Beaver	4	294	1,023	..	887	907
Bobcat	37	67	63	207	142	110
Canada lynx	1	..	2	..	..	1
Fisher . . . . .	..	..	1	..	2	1
Fox, all species	3,667	3,938	4,093	3,408	4,688	4,006 ^{2/}
Mink	1,390	1,689	2,136	1,335	1,188	1,128
Muskrat	16,551	11,785	12,750	9,104	9,004	9,404
Raccoon	1,567	1,173	2,069	1,129	1,903	947
Otter	39	66	65	40	28	45
Skunk, common lge.	1,335	929	1,741	1,423	1,126	1,118
Weasel	258	137	225	162	67	148
Total	24,849	20,080	24,172	16,886	19,064	17,318

1/ Bear kill is not complete as hunters are not required to report on the number taken. There is a \$5.00 bounty, and it is assumed that about 40% of the kill is reported.

2/ Silver fox, 6; red fox, 4,000.

NEW JERSEY

Species	1939 ^{1/}	1940 ^{1/}	1941 ^{1/}	1942 ^{1/}	1945 ^{1/}
Fox:					
Red and gray ^{2/} . . .	1,385	1,857	1,150	1,082	2,235
Mink	1,052	825	527	441	245
Muskrat	167,535	194,628	155,590	218,974	176,112
Otter	7	20	2	..	17
Skunk, common lge.	12,444	12,883	7,454	7,077	2,925
Squirrel	139,093	181,476	140,134	121,490	285,596
Weasel	5,899	4,398	3,023	3,937	1,261
Total	327,415	396,087	307,880	352,001	468,391

^{1/} Calendar year.

^{2/} In 1943, 1,402 red and gray foxes were taken; in 1944, 1,669 were taken.

NEW MEXICO

Species	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
Badger	817	829	1,000	946	700	860
Beaver	1,100	1,160	803	847	1,430	991
Bobcat	3,403	5,151	7,292	3,989	4,000	5,276
Coyote	9,982	21,978	30,178	28,036	27,000	20,000
Fox:						
Gray	1,313	3,274	3,300	3,598	6,000	5,225
Swift	261	289	400	455	460	475
Mink	32	79	30	28	35	52
Mt. lion . . . . .	..	87	90	80	75	82
Muskrat	11,841	25,077	20,000	18,702	20,500	20,890
Opossum	1	..	10	22	10	..
Raccoon	122	302	400	460	500	500
Ringtail cat	383	1,006	1,000	752	1,500	1,500
Skunk:						
Common large	6,244	11,357	10,000	7,820	8,000	9,230
Spotted	111	254	200	193	200	350
Weasel . . . . .	..	18	15	13	15	55
Miscellaneous	20	1	100	110	25	25
Total	35,630	70,862	74,818	68,051	69,450	65,311

NEW YORK

Species	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942
Bear	63	77	81	84	71
Beaver ^{3/}	2,639	(1/)	(1/)	3,055	4,075
Bobcat	36	163	220	210	72
Fox:					
Red	19,452	25,852	27,865	23,515	16,903
Gray	5,250	6,975	8,996	6,012	6,055
Mink	6,022	9,712	10,492	10,314	8,713
Muskrat	176,712	264,276	335,657	369,188	279,934
Opossum	3,792	6,116	4,750	3,916	3,327
Raccoon	25,345	27,459	27,751	22,647	7,389
Skunk, common large	33,952	41,170	46,681	43,547	28,682
Squirrel	266,143	281,715 ^{2/}	315,847 ^{2/}	200,329	217,478
Total	539,406	643,515	778,340	682,317	572,699

1/ Closed season.

2/ This figure includes fox, gray, and black squirrels.

3/ In 1943, 2,152 beavers were taken; 1944, 3,138 beavers; 1945, 3,275 beavers; and 1946, 5,567 beavers.

New York advises that figures on the annual fur catch for the above years should perhaps be increased 50 percent because of the large number of licensees who did not report.

NORTH CAROLINA

Species	1940	1941	1942	1944	1945
Bobcat	100	250	153	169	100
Fox:					
Gray	6,500	19,000	12,591	24,514	20,000
Red . . . . .	..	500	336	169	300
Mink . . . . .	..	32,000	10,323	40,053	35,000
Muskrat	72,000	147,000	92,772	110,864	135,000
Opossum	56,000	99,000	76,173	41,129	50,000
Raccoon	58,000	110,000	73,506	33,800	20,000
Skunk, common large	3,500	12,000 ^{1/}	8,388	7,267	9,000
Weasel	2,000	8,000	3,117	1,701	1,000
Total	198,200	427,750	277,359	259,666	270,400

1/ This figure also includes spotted skunks.

North Carolina does not require trappers to make an annual report on furs taken. These figures were obtained from fur dealers and should be considered only as estimates of the total fur catch.

NORTH DAKOTA

Species	1940-41	1941-42	1942-43	1943-44	1944-45	1945-46
Badger	(1/)	2,294	1,773	2,275	1,032	1,682
Beaver	1,200	1,391	1,137	1,571	1,538	2,029
Bobcat (lynx) . .	..	268	43	127	42	98
Coyote . . . . .	..	3,065	2,359	4,214	4,108	6,301
Fox, all species	20,000	7,927	7,935	20,382	7,857	16,064
Jackrabbitt . .	..	1,172,256	150,487	171,420	48,956	69,329
Mink	10,000	3,087	2,982	7,638	7,626	13,278
Muskrat . . . . .	..	37,781	36,391	178,518	215,797	324,109
Raccoon . . . . .	..	1,331	847	1,717	989	1,541
Skunk	225,000	116,771	62,900	110,135	35,222	70,613
Weasel	175,000	57,062	44,790	28,882	9,575	5,722
Total	431,800	1,403,233	311,644	526,879	362,592	511,484

1/ No open season.

The above figures are estimates of the number of furs taken. North Dakota does not require trappers and fur dealers to submit annual reports on furs and therefore is unable to furnish accurate reports.

OHIO

Species	1939-40	1940-41	1941-42	1942-43	1943-44	1944-45
Fox:						
Red	5,204	6,887	10,215	6,284	9,689	17,434
Gray	2,725	12,317	8,164	1,342	7,929	11,704
Mink	9,758	15,434	14,293	4,029	11,195	17,822
Muskrat	538,376	832,806	783,877	231,159	700,753	585,465
Opossum	214,200	162,497	193,993	50,830	119,485	91,080
Raccoon	21,424	49,460	52,791	18,928	31,835	56,917
Skunk	157,579	82,734	81,482	10,530	43,965	43,408
Weasel	11,351	10,774	12,832	3,182	6,861	3,193
Total	958,617	1,172,909	1,157,647	326,284	931,712	832,026

Ohio does not require trappers to report on furs taken. These figures were obtained from reports of licensed Ohio fur dealers. They do not include the furs shipped outside of Ohio which were not handled by licensed Ohio dealers.

OKLAHOMA

Species	1939-40	1940-41	1941-42	1942-43	1943-44	1945-46
Badger	212	430	203	108	509	129
Bobcat	128	134	83	76	142	70
Coyote	1,323	2,292	1,468	1,806	2,340	1,911
Fox, gray . . . . .	..	1,438	1,141	898	1,475	849
Mink	2,196	2,272	2,003	1,846	3,775	6,136
Muskrat	6,450	6,725	6,638	7,810	9,279	13,853
Opossum	276,681	220,625	220,912	222,903	182,310	185,001
Raccoon	2,318	3,099	3,226	3,350	4,843	6,791
Skunk:						
Common large	95,862	80,564	71,443	54,148	67,013	52,333
Spotted	15,641	9,603	7,836	4,958	6,234	4,571
Weasel	36	66	..	..	..	..
Wolf	431	513	435	243	288	85
Miscellaneous:						
Red fox	47	131	..	..	86	108
Total	401,325	327,892	315,393	298,146	278,297	271,837

OREGON

Species	1940	1941-42	1942-43	1943-44	1944-45	1945-46
Badger	201	9	143	137	133	36
Bear	41	1	2	15	13	33
Bobcat	955	69	348	1,022	810	992
Coyote	1,845	310	2,487	4,287	2,757	1,484
Fox	153	9	49	262	248	494
Marten	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	867
Mink	5,545	426	1,925	5,306	5,166	6,519
Mountain lion	50	4	2	8	15	32
Muskrat	57,589	23,852	40,914	48,951	43,748	61,195
Nutria . . . . .	..	2	19	33	..	31
Opossum . . . . .	..	..	..	2	11	7
Otter	121	7	69	120	100	201
Raccoon	1,342	1	1,025	2,859	2,563	4,422
Skunk:						
Common large	4,314	255	936	1,607	1,531	1,804
Spotted	(1/)	13	125	375	447	725
Weasel	815	51	129	159	197	374
Total	72,971	25,009	46,173	65,143	57,737	79,216

1/ No open season.

1941-42 based on 300 landowners reports. Licensed trappers reports not available.

PENNSYLVANIA

Species	1939	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
Beaver	371	1,195	1,143	2,414	1,281	1,663
Bobcat	11	9	18	3	30	13
Fox:						
Red	5,968	7,548	6,871	6,604	11,850	9,460
Gray	7,861	7,846	6,647	8,032	10,354	10,230
Mink	7,858	6,736	7,449	6,326	10,785	7,415
Muskrat	301,275	373,249	511,775	486,368	610,968	306,437
Opossum	103,516	70,831	67,257	65,445	110,850	49,572
Otter	13	15	14	..	21	33
Raccoon	28,975	34,639	35,959	30,140	46,692	38,122
Skunk, common lge.	229,168	255,439	228,037	148,075	163,584	103,207
Weasel	38,313	22,363	18,120	26,274	25,527	5,487
Total	723,329	779,870	883,290	779,681	991,942	531,639

Pennsylvania requires both trappers and fur dealers to report on the annual take and handling of furs.

RHODE ISLAND

Rhode Island does not require trappers and fur dealers to submit annual reports on furs, and therefore is not able to furnish figures.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Species	1937	1938	1939	1941	1942	1943	1945
Fox:							
Red	35	49	50	42	65	48	31
Gray	2,640	2,514	2,214	2,103	2,809	3,021	1,908
Mink	10,766	11,408	7,183	6,308	7,442	7,896	6,264
Muskrat	7,524	7,738	7,732	6,851	8,630	9,862	3,561
Opossum	16,048	15,511	16,085	14,212	16,443	19,766	11,575
Otter	64	77	73	68	97	108	62
Raccoon	29,660	28,305	18,307	15,524	20,425	21,988	16,211
Skunk:							
Common lge.	..	..	..	..	228	287	150
Spotted	169	207	205	217	..	..	..
Total	66,906	65,809	51,849	45,325	56,139	62,976	41,762

The State law does not require trappers to make an annual report on furs taken. These figures were obtained from permits for shipment of furs out of the State.

SOUTH DAKOTA

South Dakota does not require trappers to make reports on furs taken. It is estimated, however, that 1,000 beavers were trapped in each of the fiscal years 1937, 1938, and 1939, and 2,500 in 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, and 1945.

TENNESSEE

Species	1941-42	1942-43 ^{1/}	1943-44 ^{1/}
Fox:			
Red	1,334	899	474
Gray	41,210	1,377	927
Mink	952	373	524
Muskrat	14,259	5,375	5,822
Opossum	126,076	32,203	22,983
Raccoon	4,395	1,610	1,194
Skunk	16,401	15,695	12,645
Weasel	604	144	113
Total	205,231	57,676	44,682

^{1/} Tennessee does not feel that the returns for these years are complete even though the wholesale fur-dealers report sharp decline in fur takes since the 1942 season.

TEXAS

Species	1939	1940	1941 ^{1/}	1944	1945	1946 ^{1/}
Badger	1,115	1,059	1,019	266	167	846
Beaver	61	72	127	85	77	137
Fox:						
Red . . . . .	..	(	..	..	..	..
Gray	24,949	(40,278	44,692	23,378	7,940	56,244
Kit or swift	..	(	..	..	6	9
Mink	8,289	5,269	17,317	2,848	1,172	35,592
Mountain lion	1	15	..	..	..	..
Muskrat	229,734	184,798	107,908	59,432	30,400	417,339
Opossum	308,060	128,341	393,146	52,312	22,960	330,086
Raccoon	29,339	39,286	80,218	26,586	9,078	164,327
Ringtail cat	29,646	73,163	83,707	55,114	13,823	122,829
Skunk:						
Common lge.	81,542	(93,204	140,943	26,668	8,510	121,573
Spotted	10,234	(	9,963	2,179	1,272	13,785
Texas lynx	570	..	3,607	1,293	136	1,508
Weasel	5	10	44	..	21	1
Wolf	5,698	6,123	6,626	1,628	455	42
Miscellaneous	1	1,249	..	111	274	409
Total	729,244	572,867	889,317	192,468	96,291	1,264,707

^{1/} The 1941 figures represent about 50% of the dealers; about 80% in 1946. Texas records are not representative due to incomplete fur dealers returns (only 10% reporting some years). Reports are not required of trappers, and the law requiring fur dealers to report has not proven practicable of enforcement, under Texas conditions. Figures shown are for the dealers reporting, no attempt being made to estimate numbers for the dealer's not reporting.

UTAH

Species	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
Beaver	600	800	800	1,200	1,297	2,216	2,685

Utah does not require trappers to make reports of furs taken, except those of beavers, for which there is no open season. Beavers are taken only when they are doing damage.

VERMONT

Species	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
Fox, red	4,678	7,528	9,513	8,502	14,042	8,748
Mink	2,571	2,562	4,517	2,759	3,727	2,861
Muskrat	39,022	32,144	48,397	42,956	58,607	46,931
Raccoon	3,971	5,906	6,976	4,580	7,989	4,369
Skunk, common lge.	9,506	13,210	20,767	12,720	10,552	5,347
Weasel	868	822	1,049	311	613	395
Total	60,616	62,172	91,719	71,828	95,530	68,651

Vermont does not require trappers to make reports on furs taken. Fur dealers, however, must report on the furs purchased.

VIRGINIA

Species	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
Bear	6	1	2	1	30 ^{1/}
Bobcat	209	123	134	189	157
Fox:					
Red	1,006	1,079	1,083	2,581	1,789
Gray	9,816	3,795	8,126	18,701	9,146
Silver & cross	28	12	94	143	20
Mink	5,143	3,721	2,673	5,846	4,203
Muskrat	124,347	100,416	124,586	242,739	133,820
Opossum	68,808	72,030	55,153	130,501	58,745
Otter	58	..	210	1,279	555
Raccoon	12,000	10,517	10,215	23,374	14,326
Skunk, common large	59,421	65,279	55,936	99,705	56,881
Squirrel	405	1,488	179	73	13
Weasel	2,870	2,114	1,691	3,224	1,828
Miscellaneous	248	117	370	433	245
Total	284,365	265,692	260,452	529,089	281,758

1/ Includes only the bear hides reported as purchased by fur dealers. The bear kill will average approximately 50 or better which do not clear through commercial fur channels.

Virginia does not require trappers to make reports on furs taken, but fur buyers must report on furs purchased.

WASHINGTON

Species	1939	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
Badger	63	10	26	32	11	163
Bobcat	1,840	608	949	903	..	1,305
Coyote	7,750	5,826	5,194	6,584	..	9,144
Fox, red	69	50	85	83	176	165
Marten	(1/)	..	(1/)	(1/)	460 ^{2/}	1,233
Mink	6,764	5,361	5,618	3,728	8,000	7,757
Mountain lion	162	92	65	72	..	217
Muskrat	63,010	77,669	80,804	57,486	82,078	51,786
Otter	247	281	279	125	393	401
Raccoon	1,943	2,309	2,599	1,766	4,087	4,043
Skunk:						
Common lge.	2,981	1,898	2,353	547	1,350	2,133
Spotted . . .	690	432	441	370	282	..
Weasel	983	388	445	160	236	902
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	81 ^{3/}	87 ^{3/}
Total	86,502	94,924	98,860	71,656	97,154	79,336

1/ No open season.

2/ Special season.

3/ 1944, 76 nutria and 5 opossum; 1945, 87 nutria.

WEST VIRGINIA

Species	1940 ^{1/}	1941 ^{1/}	1942	1943	1944 ^{2/}
Bobcat . . . . .	..	296	93	71	53
Fox:					
Red	3,045	3,302	3,194	3,780	2,030
Gray	7,539	13,477	8,499	8,363	5,128
Mink	5,652	4,068	3,943	1,703	1,293
Muskrat	64,693	69,210	64,178	57,503	24,831
Opossum	159,844	147,088	114,753	131,125	33,189
Raccoon	10,273	14,737	9,774	7,535	3,774
Skunk, common lge.	168,841	150,137	105,641	158,336	37,077
Weasel	11,447	9,513	5,609	2,664	1,337
Miscellaneous .	269	200	600	156	76
Total	431,603	412,028	316,284	371,236	108,788

1/ Based on reports required by law to be filed by licensed fur dealers with the State Conservation Commission.

2/ A change instituted in 1944 required fur dealers to report furs bought by calendar year rather than fiscal year as licenses are so issued.

WISCONSIN

Species	1940-41	1941-42	1942-43	1943-44	1944-45
Badger	2,062	1,625	679	1,227	1,604
Beaver	5,992	3,910	4,564	7,720	(1/)
Bear	314	(1/)	647	684	489
Bobcat & lynx	180	283	191	765	384
Coyote & wolf	913	924	885	1,125	1,936
Fox, red & gray ^{2/}	9,007	10,756	10,622	21,498	36,487
Mink	20,818	34,606	26,155	43,898	43,970
Muskrat	495,258	819,639	658,255	951,695	441,011
Opossum	4,927	8,168	7,372	7,598	7,859
Otter	188	203	117	135	171
Raccoon	13,685	15,935	17,965	26,192	20,641
Skunk	50,669	69,392	36,506	48,768	58,268
Squirrel ^{3/}	668,382	762,100	589,372	695,695	668,269
Weasel	20,987	24,443	6,985	21,154	10,669
Total	1,293,382	1,751,984	1,360,315	1,828,154	1,291,758

- 1/ No open season.
- 2/ Bountied since March 1945.
- 3/ Calendar year.

WYOMING

Species	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
Beaver	6,175	15,115	10,946	7,738	7,164	7,145	8,510

Wyoming does not require trappers to make reports of furs taken with the exception of beavers.